

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): BECKER, et al.  
Application No.: 10/578,724  
Filed: May 10, 2006  
For: METHOD FOR QUANTITATIVELY DETERMINING THE WIDTH OF A SOFT ZONE AREA OF A PARTIALLY HARDENED WORKPIECE

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION TO MISSING RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Notification to Missing Response dated March 14, 2007, in connection with the above-identified application, attached hereto is an executed Declaration for the above-identified patent application, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

The fee of \$130.00 required to satisfy the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(f) is being submitted electronically at the time of filing this response.

Please charge any shortages in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 785.46148X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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